



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

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Rebuilding Together's Rock & Roll Paint-a-Thon. Many thanks to paint-a-thon co-captains Roberta from Phoenix Indian Medical Center and Jared from Cadet Corps of America and their volunteers for all their hard work on Saturday. Roberta and Jared, along with their 35 volunteers, arrived at 6:30 a.m. to paint the home of a Yucca District family. Volunteers across the city, and the state of Arizona participated in this community-based effort designed to paint the homes of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners who are unable to do the work themselves.

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Yucca District Meeting - Next Wednesday!

Wednesday, November 4 | 6:30 p.m.

**Coyote Ridge Elementary School
7677 W. Bethany Home Road.**

Residents living in the Yucca District can learn about local and citywide services and development projects at an upcoming community meeting, hosted by Councilmember Joyce Clark. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4 at Coyote Ridge Elementary School, 7677 W. Bethany Home Road, in the cafeteria. Clark and Deputy City Managers Cathy Gorham, Community Services and Jim Colson, Community Development will present updates and will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the City Council Office at (623) 930-2878.

'Be Safe, Be Seen' On Halloween. Children are four times more likely to be struck by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year. The city of Glendale wants you to have a "spooktacular" night. The city of Glendale is promoting the message "Be Safe, Be Seen" to remind families of some precautions while enjoying the much anticipated night of fun. The Glendale Fire Department offers these safety tips for a safe and fun Halloween.

- Wear something reflective when trick-or-treating. Through the end of October, the city of Glendale Transportation Department has partnered with the city of Glendale Libraries to offer reflective bags for trick-or-treating and reflective stickers to apply to costumes. These items can be picked up at any of the three city libraries and are free while supplies last.
- Stay on alert when driving and watch for children especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- Remind children not to run and to use crosswalks or street corners after looking both ways.
- Follow USA Safe Kids suggestion that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.
- Use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends for lighting jack-o-lanterns instead of candles.



GlendOberfest. Games, contests and candy await you at GlendOberfest! Held at Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area, from 5-10 p.m. on October 31, this annual event features carnival-style games, on-site trick-or-treating, a Hallowympics parade and more. Bring your pre-carved or decorated jack-o-lantern for the pumpkin contest. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. This event is a great alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Sahuaro Ranch is located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2042.

Cell Phone Recycling. The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. Celebrate America Recycles Day, November 15, with this special cell phone-recycling program for the month of November that will help to put phones in the hands of domestic violence victims.

The public is encouraged to drop old cell phones off at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building, any of Glendale's three public libraries and the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale.

After the cell phones are collected, the West Valley Advocacy Center will arrange for the phones to be recycled. Once the cell phones are refurbished, the phones will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence.

It is important to note that the city of Glendale does not recycle cell phones through its home recycling program.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Holiday Safety Community Forum - November 2. The Glendale Police Department and Gateway Community Action Team present a free holiday safety forum at 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 2 at Cabela's (9380 W. Glendale Avenue). Protect yourself, your family and your home with helpful holiday tips on home safety, parking lot safety, going out, holiday travel, gift shopping and online shopping. For more information or to RSVP, call (623) 930-4030.

Free Landscape Class: Earth Friendly Backyard. Find out how plants can reduce your energy and water bill, get rid of unwanted grass, direct 7,000 gallons of rain water to your plants each year, and turn your kitchen waste into healthy soil. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

Live at the Library. Get ready for great contemporary folk and western songs with Kerri Grombacher at 7 p.m., Thursday, November 5 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Glendale Celebrates Veterans – November 7. Honor our Veterans – Those who served and those serving from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at Westgate City Center. Free admission, free parking, and lots of family fun! Enjoy military displays, patriotic music, entertainment, food and beverages, petting zoo and military benefits information. Event activities include a Patriotic Program at 11 a.m. sponsored by the Veteran's Coalition. Westgate City Center is located at Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue.

Midwestern University Community Health Lecture – Medications for People with Diabetes. Join us for "Medications for People with Diabetes: Know the Basics to Help You Achieve Your Goals." Samantha Karr, Pharm.D., BCPS, will talk about medications for Diabetes and why the medications may not be working as well as you expected. The program will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue, in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Luke West Valley Recreation Committee has announced the date and location for the 2nd Annual Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Games will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendship Park which is located at 12325 West McDowell Road in Avondale.

The Luke West Valley Senior Games is a collaborative effort held in conjunction with the West Valley cities' Recreation Departments and partners. The event will include Olympic style sports competitions for our active seniors aged 50 and up. Registration is \$15 per person, per event and accepted through November 13.

Events include men's competitive 3-on-3 basketball; men's, women's and coed bocce, men's and women's singles and coed competitive horseshoes; men's and women's singles, mixed doubles and competitive pickle ball; men's and women's competitive push/press weightlifting; and men's and women's softball. A free one-mile fun walk will also be held.

There will also be a health fair and senior related vendors for everyone in attendance. Lunch will be provided for both athletes and spectators. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2842 for more information.

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